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FOR SECRETARY FROM NEA - DUBS, ACTING

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: FORTHCOMING VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF SARKIS' EMISSARY (S/S NO.7625403)

REF: STATE 301455, TOSEC 320213

1. PROBELM:

THIS MORNING, DECEMBER 11, SARKIS' OFFICE TELEPHONED CHARGE HOUGHTON TO PROPOSE THAT PRESIDENTIAL EMISSARY GHASSAN TUEINI VISIT WASHINGTON SOME TIME IN THIS COMING WEEK.

2. WE AUTHORIZED HOUGHTON, WHO CONVEYED THIS INFORMATION TO US ON THE SECURE PHONE AND SAID HE WAS UNDER PRESSURE FOR SOME RESPONSE, TO SAY WE WOULD OF COURSE WELCOME AN EARLY VISIT BY TUEINI, BUT TO SUGGEST HE NOT PLAN ON COMING U;TIL MIDWEEK TO GIVE US TIME TO WORK OUT APPOINTMENTS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT AND WITH AID AND POSSIBLE THE IBRD.

3. WE RECOMMEND YOU SEE TUEINI ON THIS VISIT. SARKIS WILL
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EXPECT THIS AND WILL DOUBTLESS USE TUEINI TO CONVEY TO YOU

HIS THOUGHTS ON POLITICAL AND SECURITY ISSUES AS WELL AS ON
ECONOMIC RECONSTRUCTION.

4. RECOMMENDATION:

THAT YOU AGREE TO RECEIVE TUEINI ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER
15, OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS YOUR SCHEDULE PERMITS.

APPROVE DISAPPROVE

TIME DATE

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